

## **Steering Committee**

The second meeting of the National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP) Steering Committee was held on April 26, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Minutes will be posted on the NKDEP Website.

## **Exhibits**

A new, eye-catching exhibit is spreading the word about NKDEP. The exhibit has already traveled to the Renal Physicians Association meeting in Washington, DC and the National Kidney Foundation meeting in Chicago, IL. Later this year, it will be displayed at the:

- American Nephrology Nurses Association meeting in Orlando – May 23-24
- American Association of Kidney Patients meeting in Orlando – August 29-September 1
- American Academy of Family Physicians – October 16-20

If you attend any of these meetings, please visit the NKDEP booth.

## **Pilot Sites Selected—Volunteers Needed**

NKDEP has selected four pilot sites for the first phase of its education campaign. The pilot locations are:

- Atlanta—Georgia,
- Jackson—Mississippi,
- Baltimore—Maryland/Washington—DC, and
- Cleveland—Ohio.

This phase will focus on reaching out to African Americans who are at-risk for kidney disease because they have diabetes and/or hypertension. The sites were selected based on population characteristics, high rates of hypertension and diabetes, and existing infrastructure within each city.

We are looking for volunteers in each of these cities to help NKDEP spread the word about kidney disease. If you are interested in helping or would like more information about the intervention, please contact Phyllis Payne at [phyllispayne@mindspring.com](mailto:phyllispayne@mindspring.com).